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37 CFR 1.312 AFTER ALLOWANCE AMENDMENT AND PETITION IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF DRAWING INCONSISTENCY WITH SPECIFICATION

In Response to the Notice of Drawing Inconsistency With Specification (PTO-1631) dated August 9, 2004, Applicant hereby petitions for acceptance of this 37 CFR 1.312 amendment deleting the paragraph in the brief description referring to Fig. 12. This amendment was not earlier presented because the inconsistency was not earlier noted by the PTO and the undersigned did realize, until now, that there was any inconsistency. The Detailed Description, it should be noted, makes no reference to Fig. 12, and thus the inconsistency is easily overlooked.

Applicants also wish to note that the undersigned received a phone call from Examiner Tawana Mills asking for new copies of pages 36 and 37 of the specification, because the PTO's copies are unclear. The Applicants' own paper-file copy of pages 36 and 37 are also unclear – revealing an apparent copying error in which parts of pages 36 and 37 were copied onto a single page. The undersigned has, however, obtained an electronic copy of the specification from the attorney who drafted and filed the application, and printed out pages 36 and 37 again.

Therefore, Applicants also petition the Commissioner to accept the accompanying substitute pages 36 and 37 for the pages in the PTO's file. This substitution does not add new matter because the text of pages 36 and 37 is identical to the corresponding text of the parent application 08/751,170, now U.S. Patent No. 5,951,502. See U.S. Patent No. 5,951,502, col. 12, line 54 — col. 13, line 53. Note that the first paragraph of the specification states that the

¹ For reasons the undersigned does not understand, the undersigned's word processing software blocks out the line numbers.